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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Lee Bindeman  
**Title:** Method and System for Controlling Hourglass Deformations of Solid Elements in Finite Element Analysis  
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**Response to Final Office Action in conjunction with RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action (OA) mailed on November 1, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS** begins on page 2 of this paper

**LISTING OF CLAIMS** begins on page 3 of this paper

**REMARKS** begin on page 11 of this paper.